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> Apprentice Registration and **Application For Technician License**

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License Fee of \$81.00 must be enclosed in order to be considered complete. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

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## QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING Technician

## **Applicant for Technician License (Apprentice)**

- 1. Complete and submit Application for Technician License along with \$81.00 fee to TDA within 10 days of individual beginning training for technician.
  - A. SPCS performs review of files and background review, if necessary. A Department of Public Safety background check will be performed if a criminal arrest is indicated on the application.
  - B. Apprentice card issued for one year from date individual began training.
- 2. Classroom and on the job training may begin on the date of hire, must include:
  - A. 20 hours classroom training in the General Standards.
  - B. 8 hours of classroom training in each category seeking licensure. .
  - C. 40 hours of on the job training in each category seeking licensure. .
  - D. Apprentice shall have continuous on site supervision by a licensed technician or certified applicator until all classroom and on the job training has been completed.
- 3. Upon completion of classroom and on the job training an apprentice may:
  - A. Provide pest control services in the category(ies) that all <u>training has been completed</u>.
  - B. Pest control services shall be provided under the direct supervision of a certified applicator. This means that a certified applicator shall have personal contact at least three (3) days per week.
- 4. Apprentice must attend and participate in a SPCS Approved Technician Training Course.
- 5. Complete and submit an Application for Technician Exam on or before the deadline for desired examination date. Apprentice must successfully complete an examination of competency in each category desired to receive a technician license.
- 6. Examination must be passed prior to the expiration date of the apprentice card. May retest as many times as needed during 12-month period. Apprentices who fail to become licensed as a technician within the 12-month period must be re-registered as an apprentice and repeat steps 1 thru 4 listed above prior to re-testing.
- 7. A technician license will be issued when the exam is passed. The expiration date of the technician license will be based upon the expiration date of the business or noncommercial certified applicator.
- The technician or apprentice must reside within the normally accepted commuting area of the licensed business office or work location.

## **Licensed Technician**

- 1. May provide pest control services under direct supervision and receive instructions at least three (3) days per week from a certified applicator.
- 2. A technician who has been employed in the pest control industry, under the supervision of a licensed certified applicator, for a total of twelve (12) months within the past twenty-four (24) months and has held a technician license for at least six (6) months within the past twenty-four (24) months may apply to sit for the certified applicator level exams.

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